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CITY NOTES. Anna Evans and David Lewis, of the central city, were married Monday by Abner Miller. St. Joseph's society will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock in College hall.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE KINDERGARTENS

Entertained at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simpson Last Night.

TALK GIVEN BY MISS UNDERWOOD

She is the Chief Kindergartner of the Scranton Free Kindergarten Association, and Told of the Work That is Being Accomplished—A Few Remarks Were Also Made by A. D. Holland and Dr. S. C. Logan.

One of the most delightful occasions in connection with the history of the Free Kindergarten association in this city was that of last evening when Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simpson entertained the subscribers at their home on Olive street.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Weston, Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Miss Anna K. Sanderson, Miss Underwood, Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Dimmick, Mrs. William Matthews, Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan, Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, Mrs. W. H. Packer, Mrs. H. L. Watson, Mrs. W. H. Peck, Mrs. J. A. Price, Mrs. C. E. Matthews, Mrs. Helgate, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Van Storch, Mrs. F. H. Jernyn, Mrs. C. B. Penman, Mr. James A. Linton, the Misses Simpson, Gilmore, Pratt, Matthews, Hunt, Augusta Archibald, Howell, Eble.

A. D. Holland introduced Miss Underwood, the chief kindergartner, in a few earnest words evincing his intense interest in the work. Miss Underwood gave a charming talk. She is an exceptionally graceful speaker, and her explanation of the methods employed was interesting alike to those familiar with the work and those who had previously thought little about it.

MISS UNDERWOOD'S ADDRESS. The early part of her address was a paper read before a meeting last spring and was repeated by request. It was followed by a long and most interesting discussion of the work at the present time which, owing to the withdrawal of certain funds has been reduced in two kindergartens, the central at Mulberry and Penn, and the "chapel" at Adams and New York streets.

Recommendations as to the appointment of eight school teachers will be prepared Friday night at a meeting of the teachers' committee of the board of education. The building committee will also meet on Friday night.

The Delaware and Hudson company paid its dividend at the Delaware office, 100 Broad street, on Monday.

John Kelly was released from custody by Mayor Bailey yesterday at the petition of his mother, at whose instance the young man was arrested Monday night for drunkenness and disturbing the aged woman. He is now at home.

James Higgins and Mary Dolan, of Scranton; Michael McGowan and Maggie Laffey, of Old Forge; William H. Troy and Sophie M. Evans, of Scranton; Harry Proctor and Florence A. E. Williams, of Carbondale, were granted marriage licenses yesterday.

A grand entertainment and social of the Excelsior council, No. 151, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Excelsior hall, 227 Wyoming avenue, tonight. Entertainment by Professor Charles E. Donaghy, the wonderful musician and ventriloquist and illustrations up to date. Admission, 50 cents.

Mamie Walters, a young girl, occupies a well in the woman's ward at police headquarters. The girl is thought to be insane. She will be sent to a sanitarium as soon as her parents, respectable people living in North Scranton, can secure the papers. The girl is 19 years of age.

The Old Fellows' Hall and Cemetery association at a meeting Saturday elected officers as follows: W. W. Brandy, president; Frank Sturges, secretary; William B. Thompson, W. W. Brandy, Israel Ruth, Frank Sturges, E. D. Jones, Frank Sturdevant and John T. Howe, directors. George S. Horn was elected attorney of the board.

Officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Scranton Clearing House association Monday afternoon. James Linton was re-elected chairman; C. W. Gunster, secretary; and Henry J. Anderson, of the Lackawanna Trust and Safe Deposit company, was re-elected manager for two years, to succeed H. C. Sbafer, cashier of the Scranton Savings Bank, whose term has expired.

The United States mail boxes in this city have been repainted by order of the postal department. The former color, red, is now replaced by a silver-gray, thereby retaining the advantage of being easily seen at a distance. Posted above each box is a printed warning against scratching or disturbing the box in any manner. Signs of three years' imprisonment being the penalty for a misdemeanor of this kind.

The papers in the suit of Miss Bessie Judge against Carter & Kennedy and Contractor Peter Stipp for \$20,000 damages were filed yesterday by O'Brien & Kelly. Miss Judge will be remembered by the New York lady who was struck on the head by a piece of plate glass window which fell from the sixth floor of the Carter & Kennedy building on Washington street.

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DAVIDSON—In West Scranton, Dec. 7, 1897. Mrs. Ann Davidson, 61 years of age, at her residence, 307 Elm street. Funeral services at the residence Friday morning. The remains will be taken to Forty Fort via the L. S. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train. Interment at the cemetery there.

ELIAS—In Spring Brook, Dec. 6, 1897. Miss Kate Elias, 22 years of age, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Elias. Funeral services at the residence Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment at Spring Brook cemetery.

During General John B. Gordon, the famous ex-confederate brigadier, and ex-United States senator, who will deliver his wonderfully thrilling lecture on the "Last Days of the Confederacy." The Washington (D. C.) Post comments of him as follows:

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HITCHCOCK-STAPLES NUPTIALS.

Ceremony Performed in the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Henry E. Hitchcock and Miss Leonard I. Staples, two prominent young people of Green Ridge, were married yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. The groom is a son of Colonel and Mrs. F. L. Hitchcock and became a partner with his father in the insurance business after the death of J. Atteius Robertson. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Staples, of 1715 Penn avenue.

The bride was presented at the altar by her father, Rev. Dr. I. A. Landing, pastor of the church, officiated. The maid of honor was Miss Mary Abelle Switzer, of the West Side, and the bridesmaids, Miss Mary Adams, of Lincoln avenue, and Miss Lizzie Hitchcock, the latter a sister of the groom. The groom was attended by his brother Edwin Hitchcock, of Pittsburg. The ushers were: Robert Hayden, Jack Hitchcock, Charles Carr, J. L. Rowland, A. M. Fine and J. L. Chapman.

No recent Scranton wedding of note has contained such a pronounced display of color in the gowns of the girl members of the bridal party as have the gowns worn by Miss Staples. She wore a cloth dress of garnet and black, trimmed with garnet silk and lace. Her gloves and veil were of garnet and she carried a black bag. Miss Staples' dress was of green cloth, trimmed with garnet and lace. Her hat was black. She carried pink and white carnations. The two bridesmaids wore dresses of plain garnet cloth. The trimming was of yellow chiffon and garnet velvet. They carried pink carnations.

Following the ceremony the bridal party and the immediate relatives of the young couple were received by the latter at the bride's home. A nuptial collation was served and during the afternoon the bride and groom left for Philadelphia. They will be absent only a short time and will next week be occupying their home at 1441 Monsey avenue.

DR. STAFFORD'S LECTURE.

Macbeth and Hamlet Will Be His Subjects Here Next Week.

The first of this series of lectures will be given by Dr. S. C. Logan, of the West Side, at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in College hall by Rev. D. J. Stafford, D. D., of Washington, D. C., who will deliver his celebrated lecture on "Macbeth." Thursday evening at the same place he will speak about "Hamlet." The lectures here have been highly spoken of by Shakespearean students everywhere. They are intensely interesting and throw a flood of light on the works of the immortal bard of Avon. His recitation of the two tragedies are given with rare dramatic power and fire.

OBITUARY.

The release from a long period of suffering came yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock to Mrs. Ann Davies, wife of Henry P. Davies, of 307 Eymon street. The deceased was a patient sufferer from heart and stomach trouble, and recently the condition became when she was seized with acute bronchitis. She was born at Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, in 1828, and came to this country in 1869, settling at Pittsburg, where she resided for many years, during which time her first husband died. In 1888 she was married to her present husband and has resided in West Scranton since. The deceased was an active member of the First Welsh Baptist church and of the Ladies' Aid society. Her circle of acquaintances was a wide one here and in the Wyoming valley. Three sons by the first marriage, John D. and Richard L. Reese, of Edwinstowe, and James H. Reese, of Forty Fort, and her husband and his children, John J. Mary, Philip, Sadie, Lillian, Harry and Howard, all survive.

Mr. Holland then gave statistics regarding its development in Newark, a city, he said, of about this size, where 3 out of 54 public schools had 1,600 children in the kindergarten. He gave other interesting facts in the progress of the only one and one-half year school since its beginning, while in five years we seem no nearer to having free kindergartens in our public schools.

He believed it to be folly for the city to expend so much on higher education and neglect the most little ones at the most receptive period of their lives. The state had finally passed a law permitting the existence of kindergartens in the public schools, but not compelling such a step. He did not know how it is possible to reach this school board.

DR. LOGAN'S APPEAL. Rev. Dr. Logan followed in a strong appeal for this work among the four members of the board whom it must be through the children. In one school of thirty-seven pupils, fourteen different languages are spoken. In another of forty there are ten distinct languages. In a South Side school of nine, started for the purpose of preparing them for "citizenship," only four could read in their own tongue. He longed for a "Glorious Six" on the Scranton school board.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Miss Simpson delighted all present by her beautiful rendering of several songs, and refreshments were served. It is expected that a determined and united effort will be made to place kindergartens in the public schools.

GENERAL GORDON'S LECTURE. Will Be Delivered at Y. M. C. A. Monday Night. The Young Men's Christian association of this city has been giving the people of Scranton some very fine attractions on its Standard course this season, but next Monday evening will eclipse all their previous records, as they have been very fortunate in securing

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Mr. Henry Nicholson, who has been suffering but a few days, died yesterday morning at 11:30 of abscess on the brain. Mr. Nicholson has been a resident of Jernyn since a boy, and is so well known that it would be needless to eulogize on his good qualities, for every one knowing him could not but help respecting him. He is survived by his widow. Funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Methodist Episcopal church. A post mortem examination was held yesterday afternoon by Drs. Shields, of

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A Xmas Tree. Is the most essential part of the home on Xmas Day. What is Christmas without a Tree? We have now on sale some very pretty and unique trimmings for trees that are inexpensive, on main floor, right aisle. Candy Tree Trimmings. Pure sugar, good to eat, 4c and 1c each. 100 Styles Glass Ornaments. Extra value, at 2 for 5c. Large Glass Balls. Assorted shapes, worth 8c. and 10c. Our price, 4c each. Tinsel Tree Ornaments. Can't break, very bright and pretty. Cheap at 5c. or 10c. Our price, 4c. Candle Holders. Spring pattern to hold candle to the tree, 1c each, by the dozen 10c. Tree Candles. Pure wax, assorted colors, 4c dozen. Special price by box. Tinsel by the Yard. Assorted colors, 2c. quality, 1c yard. Wider and thicker, 2c yard to 10c. String Beads. Plain colors or assorted colors on one string, larger and better than last season, for 4c a string. Xmas Cards. Extra large assortment, only 4c each. 1898 Calendars, very neat, Bible Sayings and Poems, 10c. Visit our Down Stairs Department for Xmas Presents in China, Glass, Water or Wine Sets, etc.

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